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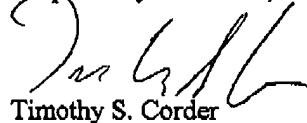
Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/813,327 entitled "All Natural Accelerated Aging of Distilled Spirits" – Gross, et al. (Our Ref: KAI475/4-002DIV/58001)  
Sir:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced patent application is:

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**PATENT**

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Serial No.: 09/813,327

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For: ALL NATURAL ACCELERATED AGING  
OF DISTILLED SPIRITS

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